

A GENERAL CONFERENCE

Between Railway Officials and Council Committee.

SCHEDULES ARE TO BE REVISED

Long Switch Will be Built Above Shipyard Bridge in Order to Give Depot Car Clear Track—Mr. Carr Makes Statement.

A general conference between Mr. W. J. Payne and other officials of the street railway companies and the highways and sewers committee of the city council will be held next Thursday night for the purpose of discussing plans for revising schedules and bettering the service on the street car lines.

Mr. H. H. Carr, general manager of the Newport News and Old Point Railway and Electric Company, and Attorney E. M. Braxton met with the highways and sewers committee last night to discuss the matter of street car service in the North End. Manager Carr explained to the committee that he had been authorized to build a switch about 500 feet in length just north of the shipyard bridge on Washington avenue. By using this switch the company will be better able to handle the cars of all the various lines running to Fortieth street and will run the C. & O. depot and Fifty-fifth street car on a regular fifteen-minute schedule.

The members of the committee were entirely satisfied by Mr. Carr's statement, being of the opinion that the proposed switch will remedy the evil which caused complaint.

Mr. Carr stated to the committee that Mr. Payne was desirous of having a conference and would come here for the purpose at any time set by the committee. Next Thursday night was agreed upon.

For Mr. Harris, who is not a member of the committee, Alderman Burcher offered an ordinance regulating street car service all over this city. The measure was laid upon the table until Thursday night.

The committee disposed of regular business and audited bills. Superintendent of Streets Harwood was instructed to give the bridges over the Chesapeake & Ohio tracks another coat of paint.

The members of the committee present were Chairman Via Messrs. Robinson, Burcher and West. Mayor Buxton and other city officials were also in attendance.

Almshouse and Poor.

The almshouse and poor committee, with Chairman Kellum and Messrs. Morgan and Robinson present, disposed of routine business and audited bills.

BOUTELL STEEL BARGE COMPANY ESTABLISHES REPAIR AGENCY

Vessels of Company's Big Fleet Will Be Repaired at Local Yard in Future.

The Boutell Steel Barge Company, of Boston, which owns and operates a fleet of three whaleback steamers and eleven whaleback barges in the coastwise coal trade between this and New England ports, has established a repair agency in this city and all necessary repairs to the vessels of the fleet are to be made at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company.

Chief Engineer Charles Southerland, of Detroit, Michigan, has been placed in charge of the repair agency here and he will have full control of superintending all repairs to the whalebacks at the local shipyard.

It is reported that the Boutell Company may establish a branch of its Boston office in this city in the near future, but at this time nothing definite can be learned in regard to the future plans of the company. At the present time, Mr. H. B. Holmes, local agent for the White Oak Coal Company, which has the vessels under charter, is acting agent for the Boutell Company just so far as any shipping agent would whose company has those vessels under charter.

At the opening of the spring the Boutell Company will bring another steamer and three more whaleback barges down to the Atlantic coast from the Great Lakes, increasing the size of its fleet to four steamers and fourteen barges. This will then be the largest fleet of coastwise coal vessels employed on the Atlantic coast and will increase the output of coal at this port as all of the

vessels will load coal here for New England ports.

Since the whaleback vessels have been running out of this port nearly all of them have been laid up for repairs at the local yard. The steamer Bay State had several new plates put on her a short time ago and she is now having a new high pressure cylinder installed. The steamer Bayport had several new plates put on her hull to replace those damaged in a collision with the schooner Ann J. Trainer in Chesapeake Bay. The steamer Bay View has been laid up for repairs several times and nearly all of the barges have been repaired and painted at the local shipyard. The Boutell Company has spent many thousands of dollars in repairs at the local shipyard in the past eight months.

MARINE NOTES

The British steamer Reynolds cleared yesterday for Antwerp, Belgium, with a cargo of miscellaneous exports, including 24,000 bushels of wheat and 10,000 bushels of barley. The vessel is scheduled to sail today on her maiden voyage on the new trans-Atlantic freight line between this port and Antwerp.

The British steamer Friederike cleared yesterday for Rotterdam with a cargo of 320,000 bushels of oats and 31,797 bushels of barley. The steamer probably will sail today.

The British steamer Powhatan, of the Chesapeake & Ohio fleet, sailed yesterday for Liverpool via Norfolk with a part cargo of exports loaded here.

The British steamer Kansas, which arrived here Thursday from Galveston sailed for Liverpool yesterday after loading 283 head of live cattle at this port.

Arrived Yesterday.

Steamer Jefferson, Dole, New York—Old Dominion Steamship Company. Steamer Gloucester, Dizer, Baltimore—Merchants & Miners Transportation Company.

Cleared Yesterday.

Steamers: Friederike (Br.), Obethune, Rotterdam; Reynolds (Br.), French, Antwerp.

Sailed Yesterday.

Steamers: Powhatan (Br.), Ballard, Liverpool via Norfolk; Kansas (Br.), Waters, Liverpool; Waccamaw, Trott, Portland; Hamilton, Boaz, Norfolk and New York; George W. Clyde, O'Neil, Philadelphia; Kershaw, Bond, Baltimore; Gloucester, Dizer, Boston.

Calendar For This Day.

Sun rises..... 7:17 a. m.
Sun sets..... 4:59 p. m.
High water..... 0:06 a. m., 0:21 p. m.
Low water..... 6:05 a. m., 6:39 p. m.

Pythians Elect Officers.

Warwick Lodge, No. 72, Knights of Pythians, has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Chancellor commander, W. B. Colonna; vice chancellor, H. J. Caddis; prelate, H. O. Nicholas; master at arms, H. L. Morris; master of work, C. L. Maffett; keeper of records and seals, A. B. Klugan; master of finances, H. K. Valden; master of exchequer, Joseph Mortimer; inner guard, W. H. Pierson; outer guard, G. W. Brooks; trustee, Edward N. Edgank; representative to grand lodge, N. E. Cofer; alternate, H. K. Valden.

Mr. Vaughn's Statement.

Mr. E. R. Vaughn, who has charge of the work of fitting out the holds of grain steamers, stated yesterday that the report circulated here to the effect that the shipments of grain from this port are being delayed because the steamers are not being fitted out as fast as they come into port, was an error. He says that only one steamer, the Sark, remains to be fitted out and that he is unable to get his men to the vessel because his barge is tied up.

Officers Elected.

Local No. 519, Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers held its regular meeting on Wednesday night, at which time the following officers were elected: President, A. B. Jackson; vice-president, W. N. Miller; recording secretary, C. P. Williams; financial secretary, John M. Brown; treasurer, T. B. Kester; conductor, Frank Roberts; warden, John Franz; delegates to Central Labor Union, J. M. Brown, J. B. Clinedinst, T. B. Kester, L. A. Hale and C. B. Frye; delegates to Structural Alliance, J. B. Clinedinst, John Jackson, — Clue, L. A. Hall and R. B. Hickok.

May Be Crazy.

Justice Brown yesterday ordered Henry Blasenham to be held for examination by a commission of lunacy. Blasenham was arrested for shooting at a negro woman.

C. L. U. ELECTS OFFICERS

J. B. Clinedinst President for the Ensuing Year,

INTERESTING SESSION OF THE BODY

Appointment of Grievance Committee Laid Over Until Later—Speechmaking After Installation of Officers Next Friday.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected by the Central Labor Union at a lengthy and interesting meeting last night. The officers were chosen as follows:

President—J. B. Clinedinst.
Vice-president—A. D. Richardson.
Recording secretary—W. S. Rolph.
Corresponding secretary—A. J. Mozier.

Secretary treasurer—J. M. Brown.
Sergeant-at-arms—E. D. Carmon.
Trustees—C. C. Snapp, A. D. Richardson, J. Irvin.

Committees were named as follows: Legislative—Messrs. Brown, Rolph and Rickard.

Label—Snapp, Brown, Rickard, Richardson and Irvine.

Library—Carmon, Brown, Irvine, Mozier and Rolph.

The appointment of the grievance committee was laid over until the next meeting.

Seventy-six delegates were in attendance last night. Several matters of importance were disposed of in addition to routine business.

The next regular meeting will be open to the public. Officers will be installed and later there will be speechmaking. One of the leading ministers of the city has been invited to be present and make an address.

THIEF LEFT OVERCOAT.

Eight Dollar Garment Exchanged for Three Dollars in Cash.

A negro thief broke into Mr. S. R. Curtis' grocery store at Lee Hall, some time Thursday night, stole \$3 from the cash drawer and when he made his departure left his overcoat, valued at about \$8.

The coat has been turned over to Sheriff S. S. Curtis, of Warwick county, and it is believed that the thief will be arrested today. One of the clerks in the store identified the coat as belonging to a negro at Lee Hall, who disappeared from his home yesterday morning and has not since been seen.

SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

Bishop Van de Vyver Will Celebrate Elevation to Episcopacy.

Sixteen years have rolled around since Catholic Virginia received the glad tidings from Rome that the then Father Van de Vyver, vicar-general of this diocese, was elected successor to Bishop Keane, who had recently been selected by Pope Leo XIII. as the rector of the Catholic University of America.

Tomorrow a high mass will be celebrated in St. Peter's Cathedral at nine o'clock, in honor of the anniversary of the Bishop's election to the Episcopacy of Richmond.

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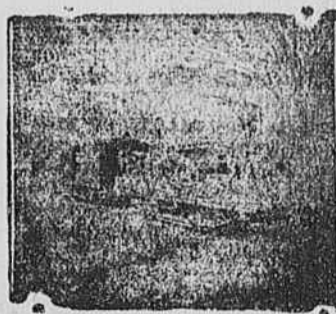
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